

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1440

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND VARIOUS FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE UTAH STATE INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION (ST. GEORGE OFFICE), VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES, VARIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, THE KAIBAB BAND OF PAIUTE INDIANS, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, UTAH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS – DIXIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (HCP), THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, AND VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Washington County (“County”), the USDA-Forest Service (Dixie National Forest), the USDI-Bureau of Land Management (Cedar City Field Office), the USDI-Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the USDI-Bureau of Land Management (Kanab Field Office), the USDI-Bureau of Land Management (St. George Field Office), the USDI-National Park Service, Grand Canyon National Park, the USDI-National Park Service, Zion National Park, the Utah State University Cooperative Extension Service, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, (Cedar City Office), the Utah Department of Transportation (Cedar City), Snow Canyon State Park, Utah, the Fredonia Natural Resource Conservation District, the Littlefield-Hurricane Valley Natural Resource Conservation District, the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service, the Utah Association of Conservation Districts-Dixie Conservation District, the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), the Washington County Water Conservancy District, the Town of Apple Valley, Utah, the Town of Enterprise, Utah, the Town of Hildale, Utah, the City of Hurricane, Utah, the City of Ivins, Utah, the City of LaVerkin, Utah, the Town of Leeds, Utah, the Town of New Harmony, Utah, the Town of Rockville, Utah, the City of Santa Clara, Utah, the Town of Springdale, Utah, the City of St. George, Utah, the Town of Toquerville, Utah, the Town of Virgin, Utah, and the City of Washington, Utah, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”, all have noxious weed control responsibilities and interests on adjacent and co-mingled lands in the Washington County Cooperative Weed Management Area (“Washington County CWMA”); and

WHEREAS, each of the Parties have or have access to financial resources for the management of noxious weeds, and/or maintains equipment and personnel for the purpose of controlling noxious weeds within their own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled weed populations in one jurisdiction greatly affect the ability of other land managers to control weeds on lands they administer; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to come together in a formal manner and promote an integrated weed management program throughout the Washington County CWMA

that includes public relations, education and training in the noxious weed arena as well as coordination of weed control efforts and methods, sharing of resources and designing other desirable resource protection measures relative to weed management; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have negotiated a Washington County Cooperative Weed Management Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") whereby the Parties will use cooperative efforts for the management of noxious weeds, and/or maintain equipment and personnel for the purpose of controlling noxious weeds within their jurisdiction pursuant to the terms set forth therein, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Washington County that the County execute the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the legislative body of Washington County, Utah, duly called, noticed, and held on the 4th day of May 2010, upon motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously:

Resolved that the MOU, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the MOU is on file in the Office of the Washington County Commission.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY 2010.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

JAMES J. EARDLEY, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:

Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Eardley voted _____
Commissioner Gardner voted _____
Commissioner Drake voted _____